

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 9, 2010

Agenda Item: Limited Either Sex Elk Permits in HD 250

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Approval of Proposed Rule

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

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Background

The elk population in HD 250 has experienced a significant decline. The FWP Commission recently adopted an adjustment to the HD 250 season frameworks in the current Elk Plan that make available this proposed change to limited permits. Specifically, the proposal is for 25 permits for the 2011 season, with a quota range of 10-100. Additionally, this conservative effort is consistent with the wolf 10j proposal recently approved by the FWP Commission and submitted to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The time-sensitive association with the wolf 10j proposal and extremely low recruitment levels justify this procedural exception to the biennial season setting process.

Public Involvement Process & Results

In addition to public comment at the December 9 Commission meeting, public comment will run from December 10 thru 5 p.m. Friday, January 14, 2011. Any final adoption by the FWP Commission will be at the February 10, 2011 Commission meeting.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2010 (status quo) as per staff justifications, public comment and/or Commission discussion.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

Given the observed population size, limited recruitment and Elk Plan guidance, there seems little option but to pursue this adjustment. Public awareness surrounding this elk population—to include this proposed change--has been maintained with this proposal expected to be generally supported by the public.

Proposed Motion

I move the Commission adopt the proposed season adjustment in elk HD 250 as presented by FWP.